

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and the indication of distinguishing limitations.

The amended title conforms to the claimed matter.

The amended independent claims contain limitations that the “register reference control bit is contained within a source operand of the instruction”. The Action suggested that these limitations would overcome all rejections.

Amended claim 9 now limits the comparing or masking to a register in a first or second group of registers. This overcomes the rejections based on 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

The application is in allowable form and the claims distinguish over the cited references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration or further examination of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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